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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of December 2001

P.E. 12-31-01

MAYNE GROUP LIMITED

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

PROCESSED

Mayne Group House 21/390 St Kilda Road Melbourne, Victoria 3004 Australia

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F <u>X</u> Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes ___ No <u>X</u>.

(If "Yes is marked indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in



13 December 2001

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Media Release

Please find following a media release in relation to completion of Mayne sale of Faulding US-based oral pharmaceuticals business to Alpharma.

Yours sincerely,

John Priestley

Company Secretary



MEDIA RELEASE 13 December 2001

Mayne sale of Faulding US-based oral pharmaceuticals business to Alpharma completed

Mayne Nickless Limited announced today that it had completed the sale of Faulding's US-based oral pharmaceuticals business to Alpharma Inc. The divestment was finalised when Mayne drew on the irrevocable stand-by letter of credit issued by the Bank of America for US\$260 million today, Australian Eastern Standard Summer Time.

Mayne had previously received US\$400 million of the total sale price of US\$660 million.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MAYNE GROUP LIMITED

By:

Name: Karen Kee

Title: Manager, Group Secretarial Services

Date: 4 April 2002